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USGS Quad: Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania (1:24000)
UTM: 17 E.689540 N.4484100

Date of Construction: 1916

Builder: Coleman & Weaver Company

Present Owner: BethEnergy Mines Corporation

Present Use: Abandoned

Significance: The colliery at Revloc was among the most productive in Cambria County and remained in operation for over fifty years. The Boiler and Hoist House is one of the few surviving structures associated with the original Revloc mine operation.

Project Information: In February 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HAER undertook a comprehensive inventory of Blair and Cambria counties as the first step in identifying the region's surviving historic engineering works and industrial resources.

The results of this project have been published in Blair County and Cambria County, Pennsylvania: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites (1990), edited by Gray Fitzsimons and produced by HABS/HAER for the National Park Service.

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History:

The Monroe Coal Mining Company, a subsidiary of the Coleman & Weaver Company, opened its Revloc mine in 1916, just southeast of the present town of Revloc. One of the earliest remaining buildings is this one-story brick building with hipped roof which served as a boiler and hoist house. An adjoining one-story brick building to the west served as the mine superintendent's office. BethEnergy Mines Corporation reorganized its Cambria County mines and removed coal from the Revloc mine through No. 33 near Ebensburg. The Revloc shaft was used periodically for miners entering or exiting the mine. BethEnergy Mines Corporation ceased operating at Revloc in the early 1980s, removing the headframe and sealing the shaft. The once-large United Mine Workers Local 850 at Revloc retains only a handful of men involved in electric line repair work. BethEnergy Corporation, a division of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, presently owns the property.

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